

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-363 (Previously canceled)

364. (Currently amended) A method for alerting a message recipient, comprising the steps of:

initiating a message including a picture from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and the picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

wirelessly transmitting the caller ID and the picture from the message center to the wireless portable communication device;

receiving the wirelessly transmitted picture and caller ID at the wireless portable communication device;

storing caller identifying data of a potential message ~~recipient~~ originator in a memory of the wireless portable communication device;

determining whether the received caller ID matches caller identifying data stored in the memory; and

alerting the message recipient when it is determined that the caller ID matches the stored caller identifying data.

Claims 365-417 (Previously canceled)

418. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 364 wherein the wireless portable communication device includes a display and the alerting step includes the step of displaying an image on the display.

419. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 418 wherein the image is at least one of the following:

- a) iconographic data;
- b) logo data;
- c) data representative of the calling party;
- d) a photo image;
- e) video image data; and
- f) other graphic image data.

420. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 364 wherein the wireless portable communications device includes an output member having a sound output and wherein the alerting step includes the step of generating a the sound output.

421. (Previously presented) A method as in Claim 420 wherein the sound output includes at least one of the following:

- a) .WAV file;
- b) personal computer file;
- c) recorded sound;
- d) uploaded sound; and
- e) pre-stored voice signal.

422. (Canceled)

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427. (Canceled)

428. (Canceled)

429. (Canceled)

430. (Canceled)

431. (Canceled)

432. (Previously presented) A method for displaying a name on a wireless portable communication device, comprising the steps of:

initiating a message including a picture from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and the picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the picture from the message center to the wireless portable communication device;

storing a name and associated numeric data representative of at least one potential message originator in a memory contained in the wireless portable communication device;

receiving the wirelessly transmitted picture and caller ID at the wireless portable communication device;

comparing the received caller ID with the stored numeric data to determine if there is a match between the received caller ID and the stored numeric data; and

displaying the name associated with the message originator on a display in the wireless portable communication device when it is determined that the received caller ID matches the stored numeric caller identifying data of a potential message originator.

433. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 432 wherein the wireless portable communication device provides information to the message recipient indicating that the received caller ID fails to match with the stored numeric caller identifying data.

434. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 433 further including the step of prompting the message recipient to enter data into memory that corresponds to received caller ID.

435. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 432 wherein the caller ID received is displayed along with a name associated with the message originator.

436. (Canceled)

437. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 432 wherein the display is a touch screen display adapted to accept by an operator of the wireless portable personal communication device at least one of:

- a) programming of soft-keys for various functions,
- b) scrolling.

- c) data entry,
- d) message selection,
- e) selection of icons,
- f) selection of menu buttons, and
- g) other items.

438. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 432 where the display includes a graphical user interface.

439. (Previously presented) A method for displaying video in a wireless portable communication device, comprising the steps of:

initiating a message including video from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and the video obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the video from the message center to the wireless portable communication device;

storing a name and associated numeric data representative of at least one potential message originator in a memory contained in the wireless portable communication device;

receiving at least one of the wirelessly transmitted video and caller ID at the wireless portable communication device;

comparing the received caller ID with the stored numeric data to determine if there is a match between the received caller ID and the stored numeric data; and

displaying the name associated with the message originator on a display in the wireless portable communication device when it is determined that the received caller ID matches the stored numeric data of a potential message originator.

440. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 439 wherein the wireless portable communication device provides an indication to the message recipient that the received caller ID fails to match the stored data.

441. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 440 further including the step of providing a prompt to the message recipient to enter additional data into memory that corresponds to the received caller ID.

442. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 439 wherein the caller ID received is displayed along with the stored name of the message originator.

443. (Canceled)

444. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 439 wherein the display is a touch screen display adapted to accept at least one of:

- a) programming of soft-keys for various functions,
- b) scrolling,
- c) data entry,
- d) message selection,
- e) selection of icons,
- f) selection of menu buttons, and
- g) other items

by an operator of the wireless portable communication device.

445. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 439 wherein the display includes a graphical user interface.

446. (Canceled)

447. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 439 wherein the message includes at least one of the following:

- a) iconographic data;
- b) logo data;



- c) data representative of the calling party;
- d) photo image;
- e) video image data; and
- f) other graphic image data.

448. (Previously presented) For use in a wireless communication system, a method for generating a sound comprising the steps of:

initiating a message including a picture from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and the picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the picture from the message center to the wireless portable communication device;

storing a sound and associated numeric data representative of at least one potential message originator in a memory contained in the wireless portable communication device;

receiving at least one of the wirelessly transmitted picture and caller ID at the wireless portable communication device;

comparing the received caller ID with the stored numeric data to determine if there is a match between the received caller ID and the stored numeric data; and

generating the stored sound associated with the message originator when it is determined that the received caller ID matches the stored numeric data of a potential message originator.

449. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 448 where the sound includes at least one of the following:

- a) .WAV file;
- b) personal computer file;
- c) recorded sound;
- d) uploaded sound; and
- e) pre-stored voice signal.